

Town of Danville
Selectboard Minutes
February 21, 2019
Danville Town Hall (6:00 pm)

Board Members Present: Ken Linsley, Doug Pastula, and Kellie Merrell

Absent: Eric Bach and Ted Chase

Also Present: Audrey DeProspero, Keith Gadapee, Jefferson Tolman, Jim Brimblecombe, Walter McNeil, Joe Gay, and Kate Whitehead

1. **Meeting was called to order** by Chairman Ken Linsley at 6:00 pm.
2. **Additions to the agenda:**
 - Catherine Whitehead
 - VT Rural Fire Protection
 - Spring Selectboard Institute
 - Strengthening Communities For the Future
3. *Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Doug Pastula to approve **minutes of Regular meeting of February 7, 2019** with changes. Vote 3-0-0. All in favor.*

*Motion by Kellie Merrell, 2nd by Doug Pastula to approve **minutes of Special meeting of February 13, 2019** with changes. Vote 3-0-0. All in favor.*

4. **Visitors**

- Jefferson Tolman – Utility Partners – Annual Contract – discussed was the Town's Annual Compensation Adjustment for the Contract Year Commencing March 1, 2019. The annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) adjustment is 2.5% which is an increase of \$1,401.17. Noted was the maintenance and LP gas caps were included in the budget and that there was a rollover. There are a few outstanding projects that need to be completed such as the blower which is in the machine shop for maintenance. The carry over remainder of the maintenance money is to fix the blower. Also discussed was the status of the existing equipment.

Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to approve contract, rollover credit in propane and remainder in maintenance account and to authorize Ken Linsley to sign the contract. Vote 3-0-0. All in favor.

- John Gay – Casella – Landfill Facility – John has been attending Selectboard meetings throughout the State of Vermont to answer questions and give towns a quick overview of the facility. Discussed was detailed information of Casella's landfill process in Coventry. They have a capacity for three more years for Vermont and then they are out of space. They are seeking an expansion of 51 acres which will enable them to have 20-22 more years of capacity.
- Walter McNeil – NEKWMD – update – no meeting last week, similar to last month, due to snow storm. The Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District has received their new baler yesterday. The NEKWMD annual report is being mailed to Selectboard.
- Catherine Whitehead – Planning Commission – grant opportunity with no matching funds required. The grant is up to \$15,000 and uses the project identified in the planning process. The project needs to be completed by September 30th. It is implementation funds which is for purchasing items so the suggestion is for the money, if received, to be used for options such as water dispenser, bike racks and line striping. She is seeking

support from the Selectboard and asking the Town to hold the funds. This grant is similar to the smaller grant they received. She is seeking a signed letter of support from the Selectboard. The funding for the grant is from the Health Department and is only available for Better Connections Grantees.

Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to authorize signature of the letter of support presented. Vote 3-0-0. All in favor.

5. **Town Clerk** (Wendy Somers) absent

6. **Highway Foreman** (Keith Gadapee)

- Posting of Gravel Roads for Overweight. In the past the Highway Department has worked with the heavy trucks.

Consensus of the Selectboard is to continue to do what they have done in the past.

- Municipal Event May 8th at Barre Auditorium. It is an annual event that the Highway Department has attended.

Consensus of the Selectboard is that the Highway Department has permission to attend.

7. **Issues and Information** (All)

(a) **Personnel Plan** – postponed until there is a full Selectboard present.

(b) **Insurance** – inquiry from resident seeking reimbursement of deductible for an incident that the Town's insurance denied.

Consensus of the Selectboard was to defer until there is a full Selectboard present.

(c) **VT Rural Fire Protection** – Ken Linsley – Survey received from Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program.

Consensus of the Selectboard was for the Fire Department to fill out.

(d) **Spring Selectboard Institute** – Ken Linsley - VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns) is hosting training for new Selectboard members on Saturday, March 30th in Rutland.

Selectboard thought the training provided by VLCT was a good class for new Selectboard members to attend. Information will be shared with incoming members of the Selectboard.

(e) **Strengthening Communities For the Future** – Ken Linsley - VLCT is hosting a Community and Economic Development Forum on March 27th in East Burke. Selectboard members are invited to attend.

8. **Financials: Orders to review and sign** – Financials signed.

9. **Adjourn** - *Motion by Doug Pastula, 2nd by Kellie Merrell to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. All in favor.*

Minutes taken by Audrey DeProspero submitted February 22, 2019 at 9:00 am.